

# Sumner Center UMC Newsletter

13135 Cty Rd 102, Stewartville, MN 55976

## July 2022



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

**Pastors' notes...** *"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22 NIV.*

God spoke of the continuation of the 4 seasons in the Bible when He made this promise after the flood. Every time the seasons change it reminds us of His promise to never again destroy the earth until judgement day.

Nature's summer is a season of growth and production in the plant life cycle. Flowers and fruits bring fragrance, beauty, and delicious sweetness (oh, those summer melons and tomatoes!) It is a time of warmth, extended light, slowing down, taking a break from our usual schedules, and refreshment in our everyday lives. We can enjoy the outdoors more comfortably without bundling up or hibernating.

Spiritual summer is also a time of spiritual growth and production. This is a season to build up your spiritual foundation by maturing your faith. The extra leisure time that summer brings means more time for Bible study, devotions, reflection, and quiet time. Being out in nature is the perfect steppingstone to spontaneous praise and worship.

We plant in the spring to bring forth flowers, fruits, and vegetables that ripen in the summer. In order to have a "bumper" crop, we need to care for our plants. They need adequate sun, water, and fertilizer.

Likewise, if we are to produce a "bumper crop" of fruit for Christ, we need to be a branch firmly connected to the Vine. Our spiritual summer season means connecting and listening to Him through prayer and study of His Word. It is a time of following through and living out His directions for our own personal lives. It's a time to strengthen your branch!

*God causes us to grow, but it is our responsibility to put ourselves in the position to grow.*

**Worship:  
Sundays  
In Sanctuary at 11:00am  
&  
Sumner Center UMC Facebook  
Page**

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Visit our Church Website at:  
**<http://www.sumnercenter.com>**

**Donations may be sent to our mailing  
address:**

**25378 151st Ave  
Spring Valley, Mn 55975**

**Grace and Peace in the name of Jesus Christ:**



*If you have items you would like to be published in the newsletter, please contact Pastor Bridget, by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the preceding month by emailing your information to (bridget@countrywidecarriers.com) Or by bringing your information to Worship on Sunday mornings)*

**The light of God remains to shine bright in the community of Sumner Center UMC, only by your generous giving heart!**

**Thank you for your dedication and love!**

# Calendar of Events

(Subject to change and/or be added to as the need arises)

## July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> Worship 11 am 	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship 11 am	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship 11 am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship 11 am  Guest Speaker Retired Pastor Wane Souhrada	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Worship 11 am  Guest Speaker Steve Wesenberg						

***Pastor Bridget will be on vacation July 18<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need pastoral care during this time you may continue to contact a care team member at cell #507-923-6247***



Bridget Sheely (Licensed Local Pastor) appointed to Wykoff,  
Racine and Sumner Center (River Valley District) less than fulltime (.75),  
from Racine and Sumner Center (River Valley District) less than fulltime (.50),  
effective July 1, 2022.



**\*\*NEW TIME FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
@ RACINE UMC**

**COME TO RACINE UMC TO START YOUR DAY WITH PRAISE,  
PRAYER & WORD OF OUR LORD!**

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**\*\*NEW TIME FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
@ WYKOFF UMC**

**DOES MID-MORNINGS WORK BETTER FOR YOU? COME  
TO WYKOFF UMC AND CONNECT WITH YOUR LORD!**

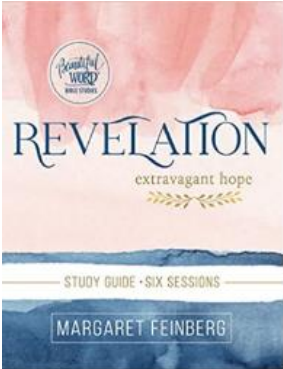
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**\*\*NEW TIME FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
@ SUMNER CENTER UMC**

**LATE MORNING FIT YOUR SCHEDULE THE BEST? NO  
WORRIES, COME AND PRAISE GOD AT SUMNER CENTER UMC!**

# UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS



- **Summer Book Study (beginning in August)**

What if God is saving the best for last?

Of all the books of the Bible, Revelation is the one that mystifies and unsettles people the most. From numerical signs to monsters, the book of apocalypse in the Bible can be difficult to wrap our minds around, but the message that Revelation really brings is hope.

**In this study you will:** Uncover the supernatural power of Jesus' names and titles.

**Be equipped with tactics on how to overcome the wily ways of the enemy.**

**Discover how to triumph through the blood of the lamb and the word of your testimony.**

**Learn that, though life is not always fair, Jesus is NOT finished.**

John, the author of the book of Revelation, was blessed to see what each of us longs to know, and he gave us a descriptive and poignant expression of the place, the end, and the eternity that God has promised to us. God has indeed saved the best for last, and in Revelation's pages he gives us the one thing we all long for—hope, extravagant hope.

**In person or zoom!**  
**Choose a study session**  
**that**  
**Works best with your**  
**schedule!**

**Sessions include:**

**Tempted to Give Up on God?**  
**Have You Lost Perspective?**  
**When Life's Not Fair**  
**How to Overcome the Enemy**  
**When All Hell Breaks Loose**  
**The Promises of Heaven**

**If you would like to order a**  
**book or need more**  
**information,**  
**Contact Pastor Bridget Sheely**



## FALL POTLUCK



Sumner Center will be organizing a community Potluck luncheon in September.

**We need you to help us spread the word!**

Let us all join together for a time of connection, fellowship and fun!

It has been a very hard couple of years and we have all been isolated from the ones we love  
far to long!

Will you join us in reuniting with each other to share our love of the Sumner Center Church  
community?

**Finalized date and time will be shared in the upcoming newsletters!**

## Schedule of Events



### Friday, July 1

All Day	Tours at Niagara Cave, Amish Tours, Open Golf at Harmony Golf Course, Bike the Root River Trail system!
2:30 p.m.	Z Puppets at the Harmony Public Library A madcap, call-and-response, hand-puppet romp!
4 p.m. to midnight	Harmony Conservation Club Beer Tent, Center Street West Parking Lot
9 p.m.	Family Movie by Mobile JEM, behind BReaKeRs in Trailhead Park

### Saturday, July 2 – All School Reunion Day

All Day	Tours at Niagara Cave, Amish Tours, Open Golf at Harmony Golf Course, Bike the Root River Trail system!
All Day	Individual Class Reunions
10 a.m.	Tour of Fillmore Central High School
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Flea Market at New Generations of Harmony
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Open House at the McMichael Grain Elevator, Harmony Historical Society
Noon – 4 p.m.	All-School Reunion at Harmony Community Center <i>Class gathering spaces, live music on library patio, food vendors in north parking lot, displays in gym and hallways, community groups and business displays/sales</i>
Noon – 4 p.m.	Vendor Fair at Harmony Community Center
Noon to midnight	Harmony Conservation Club Beer Tent, Center Street West Parking Lot
2 p.m.	Tour of Fillmore Central High School
3 to 6 p.m.	Kevin & The Mary Janes at Harmony Spirits
6 to 8 p.m.	The Clay Fulton Band and the Lost 40 on the patio at Estelle's Eatery & Bar
8 p.m. to midnight	Troubleshooter at Harmony Conservation Club Beer Tent

### Sunday, July 3 – Community and Kid's Day

All Day	Tours at Niagara Cave, Amish Tours, Open Golf at Harmony Golf Course, Bike the Root River Trail system!
9 a.m.	Brad Boice Gospel Church Service in Selvig Park Sponsored by local churches. Please bring your own chairs. In the event of inclement weather, service will be held in FC High School
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Classic Car Show at Harmony Spirits \$5 Entry Fee, Register at 9 a.m. Winners announced at 3 p.m. Dash plaques, goodie bags and trophies. Email <a href="mailto:strozykjames@gmail.com">strozykjames@gmail.com</a> or call <a href="tel:612-875-2066">612-875-2066</a> with any questions. Sponsored by Harmony Spirits
10:30 a.m.	Toad Races at the Village Green. Bring Your Own Toad, sponsored by the JEM Theatre

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Games in Selvig Park, Bounce House and Obstacle Course, Games by Greenfield Lutheran Youth
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Balloons by Kevin, Selvig Park
Noon to midnight	Harmony Conservation Club Beer Tent, Center Street West Parking Lot
Noon. to 5 p.m.	Take a selfie at the Fourth of July Selfie Station in Selvig Park!
Noon to 2 p.m.	Sister Luv performing at Gazebo in Selvig Park
2 to 2:30 p.m.	Fillmore County 4-H Dog Project demonstrations in front of Gazebo in Selvig Park
1 to 3 p.m.	Bingo in Selvig Park
1 to 3 p.m.	FFA Petting Zoo in Selvig Park, Fillmore Central FFA
3 p.m.	Kiddie Parade, Line up at flag pole in Selvig Park. <i>Dress children and decorate floats with "Honor the Cardinals, Support the Falcons" theme</i>
3 to 6 p.m.	Don Scott Blues, Live music at Harmony Spirits
6 to 8 p.m.	Estelle's Eatery Seventh Anniversary Party featuring River Crossing on the patio
8 p.m. to midnight	DJ Digger at Harmony Conservation Club Beer Tent

### Monday, July 4

All Day	Tours at Niagara Cave, Amish Tours, Open Golf at Harmony Golf Course, Bike the Root River Trail system!
7 to 9:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast at Harmony Fire Hall, served by the Harmony Conservation Club
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Smoked Pork Chop Dinner at Selvig Park Picnic Shelter, served by Harmony United Methodist Church
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Open House at McMichael Grain Elevator, Harmony Historical Society
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Bouncy House and Obstacle Course in Selvig Park
11:30 a.m.	9th Annual Hammell Equipment Kiddie Pedal Pull (State Sanctioned) Parking lot north of Trailhead Park. <i>Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pulls, Registration at 11:30 a.m., Pedal Pull at noon. In case of inclement weather, Pedal Pull will be held in the Community Center Gym located at 225 3rd Ave SW.</i>
Noon to midnight	Harmony Conservation Club Beer Tent, Center Street West Parking Lot
3 p.m.	Grand Parade
4:30 to 6 p.m.	Bingo in Selvig Park
4 to 7 p.m.	The Jim Busta Band featuring Mollie B., at Selvig Park, Button Drawing During Intermission <i>In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at The Harmony Community Center, 225 3rd Avenue SW Sponsored by Harmony Enterprises and First Southeast Bank of Harmony and Canton</i>
At Dusk	Fireworks at North Park





# 2022 Schedule Events and Activities

June 29-July 4

Detailed Information: [www.stewartvillechamber.com](http://www.stewartvillechamber.com)

Hosted by:



\*See Parade Map on our website

June 29	SACF Concert Series - After School Special	Bear Cave Park	6:30pm-8:30pm
June 30	Art 'Round Town (A.R.T.) Night A.R.T. Canvas Painting (hosted by Girl Scouts) A.R.T. String Art & Fireworks Art	American Legion CRAFT LAB	6:30pm-8:30pm 5:30pm-7:30pm
July 1	TEEN NIGHT ^	Stewartville Pool	8pm-9:30pm
July 2	FAMILY FUN DAY Sand Volleyball Tournament Girl Scouts Food Stand/Bake Sale DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT^ STEWARTVILLE ROCKS Basketball Skills Challenges (hosted by SYBA) LIP SYNC BATTLE	Bear Cave Park BCP - Sand VB Courts BCP - Pavilion BCP - Hole 1 (parking lot) BCP - Pavilion BCP - Tennis/Bball Court BCP - Amphitheater	9am-8:30pm 8am-5pm 10am-7:30pm 10am-1pm (Registration 9am) 4pm-6pm 4pm-6pm 6:30pm-8:30pm
July 3	Boosters Golf Spectacular Tournament SUMMERFEST DANCE^ FOOD TRUCKS (Dance Ticket needs to be purchased for Food Trucks on July 3 - this is a fundraising event - come on out and enjoy music for dinner!)	Riverview Greens Bear Cave Park Bear Cave Park	9am 5pm-12:30am 5pm-12:30am
July 4	Summerfest Runs Stewie Cruisers Car Show FOOD TRUCKS ARTS IN THE PARK^ Zumba by Anytime Fitness Ukulele Clinics - 15 min. 1-5 ppl/session Kids Parade LIVE MUSIC - Stewartville Community Band Academy of Martial Arts Self Defense Class/Dem HOME RUN DERBY^ Jersey Jugglers of Bear Cave Intermediate LIVE MUSIC - Corvus GRAND PARADE^ LIVE MUSIC - Dariel Bustad FIREWORKS^ ^ Denotes a Chamber Community Fundraising Event - the Stewartville Chamber is a non-profit organization	Bear Cave Park 2 Bros Bar/Legion Bear Cave Park Bear Cave Park BCP- Amphitheater BCP - Tennis Parking Lot BCP - Circle Parking lot BCP - Amphitheater BCP - Amphitheater BCP - Baseball Fields BCP - Tennis Parking Lot BCP - Amphitheater *See Map BCP - Amphitheater Bear Cave Park	8am   9am   10am 9:30am 10am-Dusk 10am-4pm 9am-10am 10am-1pm 10:30am 11am-12pm 12:30pm-1:15pm 1pm-3pm 2pm-2:15pm 2:30pm-3:30pm 6:30pm 8pm-10pm Dusk

Face Painting  
Inflatables & Swing  
Henna Tattoos  
Bubble Baron  
Balloon Artist  
Petting Zoo  
Carnival Games  
Llama Selfies

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



**HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY!**

The words appear UP,  
DOWN, BACKWARDS, and  
DIAGONALLY.  
Find and circle each word.

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B	P	K	H	W	M	S	E	L	T	J	M	A	C	O
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AMERICA

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BARBECUE

BLUE

CAMPING

CELEBRATE

DEMOCRACY

FIREWORKS

FLAG

FREEDOM

GAMES

HOLIDAY

INDEPENDENCE

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